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(SCIENTIST)

AMSTERDAM--THE BODY OF A VETERANS ADMINISTRATION SCIENTIST WHO
DISAPPEARED MYSTERIOUSLY DEC. 5 WAS FOUND IN A CANAL THIS
AFTERNOON,
POLICE REPORTED.

AN OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT SAID PROF. RICHARD M. FOLLIS JR., 56,
APPEARED TO HAVE DROWNED.

THERE HAD BEEN WIDESPREAD SPECULATION IN THE EUROPEAN PRESS THAT
FOLLIS, A NUTRITION EXPERT, WAS INVOLVED WITH THE U.S. CENTRAL
INTELLIGENCE AGENCY. THE STATE DEPARTMENT AND FOLLIS' WIFE HAVE
DENIED THE SCIENTIST HAD ANY CONNECTION WITH THE INTELLIGENCE ORGANIZA-
TION.

FOLLIS' DISAPPEARANCE LED AMSTERDAM POLICE TO SPECULATE THAT HE
MIGHT HAVE MET WITH FOUL PLAY.

BUT A POLICE SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY THAT "AT THIS STAGE WE HAVE NO
INDICATION HE WAS A VICTIM OF ANY CRIME."

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